THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Eight.

" (b) There are no officers designated as 'Chief Fire Brigadiers' in the Fire Service Branch. Each Fire Station is in charge of a Sub-Officer.

" (c) & (d) A statement[a] showing the number of fire-fighting appliances and ambulances in each Fire Station and the personnel provided with quarters is placed on the table of the House."

Changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk.'

* 1257 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 360, dated 7th April 1953—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk'; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government have decided that there are no strong reasons for changing the name of the taluk to Jayankondan."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the request for the alteration of the name from Udaiyarpalayam into Jayankondan is supported by historical facts, as that town seems to have been named originally after an illustrious Shola King by name Jayankondan? Will the Government make the desired change in the name of the place?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" But the more popular name seems to be Udaiyarpalayam."

Health assistants in Malabar.

* 1258 Q.—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many male and female health assistants are working in Malabar;

(b) the services of how many of them have been regularised;

(c) how many of them have undergone the sanitary course; and

(d) whether any stipend was given to them while undergoing that course?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (d) No, Sir."

Repromotion of reverted Police officers.

* 1259 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have repromoted the reverted Police officers such as Head constables, Sub-Inspectors, Inspectors, and Deputy Superintendents of Police; and

(b) if so, the number of such repromoted officers and the number remaining to be repromoted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A statement[b] showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have got any idea of promoting the persons who have not yet been promoted, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, whenever vacancies arise."

Lands in possession of Harijans and landless poor under Grow More Food Scheme.

* 1260 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to call for and place on the table, the information called for in question No. 971, dated 24th March 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not readily available. The time and labour necessary to collect the information will not be commensurate with the benefit to be derived thereby."

Construction of a road from Kanhangad-Panathody road to connect it with the Kasargode-Sallia road.

* 1261 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received a petition, dated 1st December 1953, signed by 79 villagers of Bedakam, Kolathur, of Kasargode taluk, South Kanara, requesting the Government to take necessary steps to construct a road from the Kanhangad-Panathody road, from a place near Munnan Katavu, through Panayal village, Karichery Kadavu and covering the villages of Bedakam, Kolathur, Kuthikole and Bendadakam and to connect the road with the Kasargode-Sallia road; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 482 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VI on page 482 infra.